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Monson Appointed Interim Director for Disabilities Division

Human Services Director Robin Arnold-Williams appointed Craig Monson interim director for the Division of Services for People With Disabilities Thursday. The appointment is effective Monday.

Monson was selected when Division Director Sue Geary announced her retirement following 30 years of public service.

"I've charged Craig with implementing enhanced management practices to address issues raised in a recent legislative audit," Arnold-Williams said. Monson has directed the DHS Office of Services Review that evaluates and reports on how well agency employees follow policy and procedure and meet service-delivery goals for the past four years. He previously worked in the Legislative Auditor's Office for 19 years as an auditor, senior auditor and audit manager.

"The combination of tighter economic times, the legislative audit and growing demand for services is cause for the Division, in concert with the Department and the Legislature, to review its priorities, operations and service-delivery processes," Arnold-Williams said. "This review must focus on assuring we are offering the most appropriate services as well as providing good stewardship of public funds."

"Sue is a strong advocate for allowing people with disabilities to live as independently as possible," she continued. "I respect her decision to retire at this time. I am also very appreciative of the professionalism, dedication and commitment to disabled individuals and their families she has shown throughout her 30 years of public service."

Geary has worked in Human Services for 20 years, including the past six years as Division director. She previously ran the Division's Central Region, worked at the Developmental Center and spent 10 years as a principal in the Provo School District.

Brad McGarry will lead the Office of Services Review during Monson's tenure in Disabilities. McGarry is a 17-year veteran of government service and has been at Human Services for 11 years.